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BRING IT TO MARION

The Best Town Morally, Educationally and Religiously on Earth.

Superintendent Crabbe Complains That Land-Owners at Bowling Green Refuse Reasonable Prices.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 11.—"The ugliest kind of a hold-up game is what some of the property owners of Bowling Green and vicinity are trying to work upon the state," said State Superintendent J. G. Crabbe upon his return from Bowling Green, where he attended a meeting of the board of regents of the Western State Normal School.

"They are asking us prices that are simply out of all reason for sites for the building which will be erected with the \$150,000 appropriated by the last Legislature. Property which is not worth more than \$100 or \$125 an acre is offered at \$200, and the owners refuse to budge from these figures. We greatly prefer to purchase Potter College, as it offers a magnificent prospect for the school, but on it, too, there is a prohibitive figure set. The sum of \$70,000 is asked for Potter College, together with the seven or eight acres of ground which go with it. Now, we want about 125 acres. There is a nice tract lying right behind the college, but the figure that both the college and this tract would cost is just \$125,000."

Prof. Crabbe expressed himself strongly on the matter and indicated that unless the people of Bowling

Green show more appreciation of the benefit of having the State Normal School in their midst and show this appreciation in substantial form it was not at all unlikely that the old buildings and site will be sold and the Normal School moved to Paducah or one of the other points in Western Kentucky which are very anxious to get it and which will offer splendid inducements.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

After reading the above a citizen of Marion wrote Prof. Crabbe offering to donate 100 acres of land near Marion for a site for the "Western State Normal School."

Under date of February 6th, 1909, Prof. Crabbe replied as follows:

"Dear sir:—I have your kind favor of February 4th, for which I wish to thank you. Should the site be changed I am sure the Board of Regents will be glad to consider the proposition which you make. Very truly yours,

J. G. CRABBE,

Superintendent.

A GRAND TESTIMONIAL.

The decision of the Court of Appeals of the State of Kentucky in the test case from Union City involving the validity of the union between the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., the opinion having been prepared by Hon. H. S. Barker, concluded as follows:

"In conclusion, we deem it not improper to say that, owing to the great importance of the question involved in this case, we have given it our most careful and impartial attention. The question whether or not the various families of the Presbyterian faith must remain ever separated, although the causes which originally divided them have disappeared in the light of modern theological evolution, is one which must give solace to all who have the advancement of civilization at heart.

The history of the Presbyterian Church is the history of a very large part of what we know and enjoy of civil and religious liberty. The teaching of her creeds are such as have always attracted to her the most lofty minds and holdest spirits. In following her path through the ages of history, whether her votaries be called Lutherans, as in Germany, Huguenots, as in France, Covenant-

ers, as in Scotland, or Puritans, as in England, they will always be found to be among the bravest and the best. As a religious organization it had no compromise along the lines of conscience to make with power, and it could be deflected from the path of rectitude neither by the frown of authority nor the blandishments of corruption. With the same indomitable courage it confronted the haughty princes of the House of Tudor, and the crowned weaklings of the House of Stuart—with the same words of scornful condemnation it rebuked the sins of Messalina on the throne and the wanton in the street. Her path has led her often into exile, than into favor with the great—often to the dungeon and the stake than to the pleasures of kings' houses or the friendship of courtiers. But under her searching gaze the shackles have fallen from the human mind, and the divine right of kings has shrunk to the mean thing it now appears. Wherever a battle was to be fought for human liberty, whenever a forlorn hope was to be led, or a mine braved for conscience' sake—wherever the blood of a martyr was needed as a testimony to truth—her answer was always that of the prophet of old, 'Here am I; send me.'

"The judgment is reversed, with

the directions to dismiss the petition."

Whole court, except Chief Justice Settle sitting, Judge Nunn dissenting. The effect of this decision is to maintain the legality of the union, and declare the membership of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church recognizing and adhering to the union to be entitled to the church property.

Judge Barker is not a Presbyterian, but a member of the Disciples or Christian Church.

Merritt-Starkey.

Mr. Joe H. Merritt and Miss Hat tie Starkey were married Wednesday afternoon, February 3, at the home of J. H. Starkey, the bride's father, by Rev. U. G. Hugues.

After the ceremony, the large gathering were invited to the dining room, where a sumptuous feast was served.

The bride is a beautiful girl of 17 summers and groom is a sterling young farmer, entirely worthy of her.

Gov. Willson Issues Proclamation.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 11.—Gov. Willson yesterday issued the following:

Lincoln Day Proclamation.

To Kentucky and All of Our People:

The State government recommends the people in every neighborhood in Kentucky to display the flag of our country and assemble in their respective communities to do honor to the memory of Abraham Lincoln on Friday, February 12, of this year, 1909, the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, and that his first inaugural address and the Gettysburg oration be read at all the meetings. The life of Abraham Lincoln was so wholly devoted to mankind, so sacrificially free from selfishness, and he was so truly a noble representative of all that is dearest, truest and best in humanity. In all his grand work as a leader of the nation in her greatest trial, and martyr to the cause of the freedom of men, that it will be an honor to all that is best in us to pay this respect.

The President of the United States will journey from Washington to Kentucky to deliver an address on that day at the farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born, and many distinguished visitors from sister States and many of our people will journey to the farm to be present. The guests who cannot make this journey the over-day cares and work and give the time needed for the proper observance of the day and record of our love and thankfulness.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to be affixed this second day of February, 1909.

By the Governor,
AUGUSTUS E. WILLSON,
HEN L. BRUNER,
Secretary of State.

Toy Engine Exploded.

Alvin Arnold, a 19-year-old boy living in Jefferson township, Petersburg, Ind., tested a small engine he had invented. It worked fine until the boiler exploded, scalding the hair off his head and probably destroying the sight of both eyes.

RETURN OF THE WRECKED

"Republic's" Crew Shows Need For Emergency Aid.

New York, Feb. 11.—That husbands and fathers have just been restored to 84 wives and 139 children at the homes of the seamen and stokers of the sunken steamship "Republic" in Liverpool was reported at the headquarters of the American Seamen's Friend Society in this city today. This census of the home folks, who so narrowly escaped becoming widowed and fatherless was taken when over a hundred of these shipwrecked seafarers flocked from the "Baltic" to the new Seamen's Institute here;—sick, half naked, penniless and barefoot. Only by quick application of an emergency fund of some twelve hundred dollars were they able to send them on their home voyage, clothed, and

shod, the officers of the society declared.

No shipwreck in the present generation has demanded such immediate and extensive measures for relief as that of this big ocean liner, it is asserted by expert workers of this seamen's organization which has for eighty years succored stranded survivors of ocean disasters in forty of the principal ports of the world as well as in this city. While a thousand dollars was spent by them during the year 1908 to set on their feet the victims of the coast wrecks about this port, they say, more than this same sum was required in one night to provide the men of this one ship's stoke hole and forecastle with the clothes to their back. Only by the fortunate chance that its \$300,000 Seamen's Institute had just been opened and by the instant contributions of scores of its friends here was the society able to relieve the crowds of shivering seamen, who came trooping to its doors from this shock of the seas that had left them without money or employment in a foreign harbor.

To fit America's chief seaport with already refuge for such stranded outcasts of the ocean, the officers of the American Seamen's Friend Society have today decided to appeal to the people of every section of the land for a fund to be devoted to just emergencies as the sinking of the "Republic." In every town in the country they believe the families and friends of seafaring sons will readily lend a hand toward providing means to instantly succor the victims of future great sea tragedies.—Where established Red Cross and relief organizations make the shores of other countries thoroughly prepared to care for large companies of stranded sailors America is today sadly unprepared, they believe the recent wreck of the "Republic" has shown.

Delightful In Entertainment.

The Princeton Leader has this to say of Miss Metcalfe's dance. Miss Metcalfe is the daughter of Mr. Charles W. Metcalfe, owner of the Marion Ice Plant.

One of the most delightful and largely attended balls in connection with Princeton society for many years was that given by Miss Minor Metcalfe at the Henrietta ball room Tuesday evening of this week. There were about one hundred and fifty participants and on-lookers, and enjoyment was at its height throughout the evening. The music was of the very best for the occasion, and those present, especially the participants, were delighted. Hot coffee and sandwiches were served to the delight and pleasure of all. Miss Metcalfe's hospitality, which is in keeping with her popularity, will ever be remembered by her guests for the pleasures of the evening. The out of town guests of the occasion were: Miss Ellis Gray, of Marion; James Lochridge and James Taylor, of Mayfield; Miss Corinne Carlett, of Edenville; Miss Faith Langstaff, of Paducah; E. F. Mathew, of Louisville; W. S. Lafoe, and H. F. Neely, of Greenville, Miss.

Glasgow Has More Lights.

The City Council has made a contract with the Glasgow Electric Light Company for eight arc lights and 84 Tanton lights for five years for \$2,500 per year, the lights to be run all night. At present the town is paying \$1,600 for sixteen arc lights to run only until midnight. The new contract is certainly a great improvement on the old, and will be put into operation just as soon as the necessary work looking to additional lights can be made.

—Glasgow Times

Fierce Battle With a Storm.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 8.—Probably the most thrilling incident of the

WANTED IN MARION

Three Hundred People to Get the Daily Bible Reading Habit.

The Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday School Have Started Branches in Marion.

There is a movement on foot by the Sunday school workers to secure at least 300 members for the International Bible Reading Association. Mr. Charles Waters, of London, England, organized the association in 1881, and in this country it is represented by Mr. Marvin Lawrence, General Secretary of the International Sunday School Association. Here we give the what and why of the I. B. R. A.:

"What is the International Bible Reading Association?"

It is a band of Sunday school officers, teachers, scholars, parents and others, numbering now nearly one million members in all parts of the world, who are reading daily the same portion of God's Word. The readings are all intended to illustrate the International Sunday School Lesson for the following Sunday.

"Why Should I Join It?"

Because the daily readings will help you to understand your next Sunday's lesson and so make it more interesting, because the Bible is the only guide to eternal life, and you should read it regularly in order that you may know Jesus, who is "The Way, the Truth and the Life." Also because it will help you to live a better life day by day.

"What is Required in Becoming a Member?"

Any one who will agree to read the selected portions of Scripture daily may become a member of the Association. The membership fee is five cents a year. Members have no other expense. All memberships are renewable at the first of January no matter when they began. When ten or more members are secured from one school or locality, it is called a "Branch" and should have a "Branch Secretary."

"What Do Members Receive?"

New members receive a Certificate

of Membership beautifully printed in colors. They also receive a Monthly Leaflet with "Hints" on the Bible readings for the month. These hints are written by Mr. Charles Waters, of London, the founder of the I. B. R. A. They also receive a Quarterly Letter of Greeting, and from time to time other interesting and valuable printed matter. All printed matter is free, and cannot be bought. It is furnished to members only.

We hope to enroll 300 members during the first and second quarter of the year, and kindly ask pastors, superintendents and teachers to urge the members and scholars to join and get the daily Bible reading habit.

The Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools here in Marion, have started branches. The Methodist school has 75 members and the Presbyterian 15, and their enrollment is increasing each week. The other Sunday schools are now taking it up, and we hope to have a large enrollment in the town ere the first of March.

A Bible reading Sunday school will make a good Bible living church. Why not everybody get the Daily Bible Reading habit?

One teacher in the graded school has taken the matter of daily Bible reading up in her room, and has secured 22 members.

Crittenden county now has an enrollment of 119 members, 12 at Weston and 6 at Tolu. We hope every school in the county will start a branch of ten or more members. Crittenden county ought to furnish at least ONE THOUSAND of the TEN THOUSAND members for Western Kentucky.

Any one who wishes to join or start a branch, will please see or write to Miss Nellie Walker, the Secretary of the Marion District.

wide spread storm in this section was the battle of the steamer City of Marquette against raging Lake Michigan as it fought its way in a sinking condition along the Illinois shore from Chicago to Waukegan.

With the fireman standing in water up to their waists and shoveling coal into a feeble fire, the boat "limped" into Waukegan eleven hours after it left Chicago. Before it reached its dock the water ran over the fires, and the aid of a tug had to be secured. The whole upper works of the boat were shattered by the waves that broke over it, and it was only by great exertions that it was kept afloat.

The City of Marquette is a wooden boat drawing fourteen feet of water. The bows, however, are reinforced with steel for breaking ice, and it has made daily trips for years.

Its crew of twelve men had gone through many stormy voyages, but after they set foot in Waukegan, with their clothing frozen upon them, they vowed they never again would tempt fate on Lake Michigan in winter. Capt. Arthur Hill was the only one undaunted. He declared that he would have the "City" in shape in a week or two and continue in spite of ice and northwester.

A gruesome result of the disturbance of Lake Michigan was the yielding up by the waters of the body of the former light house keeper of the port, F. W. Raether, which was taken by them in a similar storm fourteen months ago. The body was identified by its gold teeth and wedding ring.

Kentucky's Famous Torch

Well Is Again Aflame.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 8.—The famous burning well located on Green river, four miles from Greensburg, in Green county, which has puzzled scientists and taxmen for almost one hundred years, the blaze of which ceased just before the re-

cent Italian earthquake, has again resumed its flow, and at the present time the flames reach higher than at any time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

The well first came into existence immediately following the earthquake of 1811, which played havoc with certain sections of Tennessee and Kentucky, and at the same time the bottom apparently dropped out of a large area of land in Tennessee and formed what has since been known as Reelfoot Lake. The well had been used by Samuel White for water purposes, and when the phenomenon appeared the fixtures covering it were blown so far they were never discovered.

At times during the past three-quarters of a century the light from the well was sufficient to permit farmers to work by night as well as by day, and when it recently went "dry" much disappointment was felt in the neighborhood. The phenomenon was referred to in "Allen's history of Kentucky," published forty years ago, as being perhaps the most remarkable thing discovered in the state to that time.

NO TOBACCO RECEIVED.

On account of large deliveries, I will not receive any more tobacco after Friday, Jan. 29th, until further notice.

A. B. JARVIS,

by S. J. DUFFY.

F. W. NUNN,

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